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period of absence. For this reason public transportation facilities were not used.

5. The difficulties of utilizing public transportation and the Motor Pool are recognized by this Branch, since several members are normally required to make frequent trips downtown on operational business. (Usually in connection with covert financing). It has been our experience that the use of public transportation facilities requires approximately thirty minutes to reach local banks and certain offices of the State Department. It is possible, at times, to reduce this figure by using the CIA shuttle to a point where it connects with a downtown bus. However, on the average, perfect connections cannot be expected. In order to save time, particularly when it is necessary to return from a downtown meeting and be available at L Building at a specific time, taxicabs are frequently used by members of this Branch. However, in view of our reluctance to accept such accounts from other Branches, no claims for such expenses have been submitted by members of this Branch.

6. It is requested that a study of this situation be made with a view toward obtaining a policy statement from the Executive or the Director.

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Chief, Confidential Funds Branch

cc: General Counsel

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